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Bharat Mathur  
Acting Regional Administrator  
U. S. EPA Region V  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Re: Carbon Monoxide (CO) Limited  
Maintenance Plan Update for Lake  
and Marion Counties, Indiana

Dear Mr. Mathur:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) herewith submits the enclosed Carbon Monoxide (CO) Limited Maintenance Plan Update for Lake and Marion Counties. This submittal demonstrates that Lake and Marion counties have maintained the primary health standards for CO and that those counties should remain designated as attainment for CO.

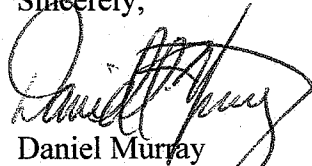
On March 3, 1978, U. S. EPA designated Lake and Marion counties as primary nonattainment areas for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for CO. Section 107 (d) (3) (E) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) states that in order for a county to have its status redesignated to attainment, it must meet several requirements established by U. S. EPA. These are:

1. Ambient monitoring data showing that the county has met the NAAQS for the past three years.
2. Air Quality improvements that can be attributed to reductions in CO emissions which are permanent and enforceable.
3. A maintenance plan that assures continued attainment of the standard.

On December 21, 1999, IDEM submitted a redesignation request and limited maintenance plan for the Lake and Marion County CO nonattainment areas. U. S. EPA approved the request and limited maintenance plan on January 19, 2000. Section 175A of the CAA sets forth the elements of a maintenance plan for areas seeking redesignation from nonattainment to attainment. As part of the original redesignation request and limited maintenance plan, IDEM committed to review, and if necessary, revise the Limited Maintenance Plan eight years after the areas were redesignated to attainment of the CO standard. The submittal of this update satisfies that commitment.

IDEM requests that the U. S. EPA approve the Carbon Monoxide (CO) Limited Maintenance Plan Update for Lake and Marion Counties. If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Scott Deloney, Chief, Air Programs Branch at (317) 233-5684.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Daniel Murray", is written over the printed name.

Daniel Murray  
Assistant Commissioner

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**Attachments**

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